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THIS IS ENVIRONMENTAL UPDATE – THE ROAD TO EARTH DAY. I'M JINI RYAN. AGING INFRASTRUCTURE, VEHICLE MAINTENANCE AND WEAPONS TESTING POSE CHALLENGES TO INSTALLATIONS AS THEY TRY TO MAINTAIN MISSION READINESS WHILE BEING GOOD STEWARDS OF THE ENVIRONMENT.

BUILDING AND MAINTAINING A SUSTAINABLE INSTALLATION IS ONE OF THE MOST CHALLENGING TASKS FOR THE ARMY. TRAINING ACTIVITIES AND DAY TO DAY OPERATIONS PUT STRAINS ON THE AIR AND WATER QUALITY, TEAR UP THE SOIL AND PRODUCE TONS OF WASTE. INSTALLATIONS WORK TO CONSTANTLY IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF THE ENVIRONMENT BY DEVELOPING PLANS TO IMPROVE THE AIR AND WATER QUALITY, STOP EROSION AND REDUCE WASTE HEADING TO THE LANDFILL.

Steve Perrenot/ Dir. of Public Works, Ft. Lewis: “Sustainability has to happen from everybody, all the way from the leadership, from every individual on the installation. Every little bit helps.”

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BASES SALVAGE DEMOLITION DEBRIS FROM WORLD WAR II
ERA FACILITIES, DESIGN GREEN BUILDINGS TO REDUCE
ENERGY USE AND RECYCLE PAPER, CANS AND PLASTIC.
INSTALLATIONS CREATE PARTNERSHIPS WITH STATE AND
LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS AS WELL AS NEIGHBORING
COMMUNITIES TO FIND BETTER PRACTICES TO SUSTAIN THE
ENVIRONMENT.

**Paul Steucke Jr./ Environmental Division, Ft. Lewis: “All of our
futures are intertwined, interconnected and rely on one another.
So it’s important to have all of those people working towards the
same goals for a common future that’s good for all of us.”**

THE GOAL FOR EACH INSTALLATION IS TO NOT MERELY
COMPLY WITH FEDERAL REGULATIONS BUT TO MAINTAIN
VERY HIGH STANDARDS OF ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP.

THAT’S ENVIRONMENTAL UPDATE. FROM WASHINGTON, I’M
JINI RYAN.